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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Peter ÅHNBLAD et al.

Appl. No.: **NEW NATIONAL PHASE
APPLICATION IN THE
UNITED STATES** Group:

Filed: February 28, 2002 Examiner:

For: NASAL RINSER AND OUTLET PORTION
THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents February 28, 2002
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, the following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure attached on a separate sheet attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

--4. (amended) An outlet portion according to claim 1, , wherein the channel (4) is conically shaped at the

connection end (3) and has a largest diameter at the connection end (3).--

--5. (amended) An outlet portion according to claim 1, which is made of a flexible material.--

--6. (amended) A nasal rinser, **characterised in** that it comprises an outlet portion (1) according to claim 1 and a receptacle for rinsing liquid connected to the outlet portion (1), whereby the receptacle is maneuverable for emptying the rinsing liquid out through the outlet portion (1).--

REMARKS

Claims 4-6 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.

The changes in the claims merely place this national phase application in into the same condition as it was during Chapter I of the International Phase.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

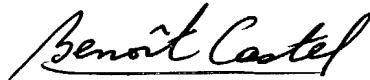
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Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An outlet portion (1) for nasal rinsers which is characterized in that it comprises an outlet end (2), a connection end (3) and a nozzle shaped channel (4), showing a restriction (5) and an expanded outlet (6), in between.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims have been amended as follows:

--4. (amended) An outlet portion according to claim 1, ~~2 or 3~~, wherein the channel (4) is conically shaped at the connection end (3) and has a largest diameter at the connection end (3).--

--5. (amended) An outlet portion according to ~~anyone of the previous claims, claim 1,~~ which is made of a flexible material.--

--6. (amended) A nasal rinser, **characterised in** that it comprises an outlet portion (1) according to ~~anyone of the claims 1-5~~ claim 1 and a receptacle for rinsing liquid connected to the outlet portion (1), whereby the receptacle is maneuverable for emptying the rinsing liquid out through the outlet portion (1).--